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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE 77

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY MOJSOV GAVE A LUNCH FOR THE AMBASSADORS AND CONSELORS OF EUROPEAN NON-ALIGNED AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES MARCH 2, AS THE OPENING OF BELGRADE'S CONSULTATIONS ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1977 CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR OR CHARGES AND COUNSELORS OF AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, FINLAND, CYPRUS AND MALTA WERE INVITED TO THE LUNCH; ALL BUT THE LATTER TWO ATTENDED. FINNISH EMBASSY OFFICERS BRIEFED US ON THIS MEETING AND OTHER YUGOSLAV CONSULTATIONS PERTAINING TO ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS OF BELGRADE 77.

2. THE FINNISH CHARGE STATED THAT LITTLE SUBSTANCE WAS COVERED AT THE LUNCH OTHER THAN MOJSOV ANNOUNCING THAT IT WOULD SERVE AS THE OPENING OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WHICH BEGIN NEXT WEEK. THE CHIEF OF
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THE POLITICAL SECTION OF THE FINNISH FOREIGN OFFICE

ILLOMENI (PHONETIC) AND AMBASSADOR VARDELLA (PHONETIC) ARRIVED MARCH 8 FOR TALKS WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT'S WORKING GROUP ON THE CONFERENCE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR PESIC, FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO MOSCOW. THE YUGOSLAVS ARE PARTICULARLY KEEN TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE WITH THE FINNS. THE CHARGE STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AN AUSTRIAN DELEGATION WILL ALSO COME SHORTLY AND EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE OTHER EUROPEAN NON-ALIGNED AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES.

3. FINNISH EMBASSY OFFICERS SAY THAT YUGOSLAV CONSULTATIONS BEGAN SOME MONTHS AGO AND THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC DI FUSSED THE CONFERENCE WITH HIS DUTCH AND NORWEGIAN COUNTERPARTS DURING HIS TRAVELS LAST FALL. THE FINNS RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION FROM THE NORWEGIANS THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAD FEW IDEAS ON HOW TO PROCEED IN ORGANIZING FOR THE CONFERENCE AT THAT TIME. ONE REASON FOR THIS WAS THAT THEY HAD NOT RESOLVED ORGANIZATIONAL AND POLICY QUESTION WITHIN THE GOY. THE GOY INTER-AGENCY COORDINATING COMMISSION , HEADED BY MJSOV, INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL OF THE "CONCERNED" FEDERAL SECRETARIATS AND POSSIBLY ALSO INVOLVES COORDINATION WITH THE REPUBLICAN AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS, ACCORDING TO THE FINNISH EMBASSY.

4. COMMENT: THE YUGOSLAVS ARE APPARENTLY MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO FORGE A NEUTRAL-NON-ALIGNED BLOC WHICH WILL BE ACTIVE IN THE PREPARATIONS AND AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF.
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